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WASHINGTON - The cold war got even icier yesterday when the Soviet delegation effectively walked out of the strategic nuclear arms talks in Geneva and the Reagan administration prepared to release a bombshell report on Russian violations of the SALT accords.

As reports swirled that Soviet leader Yuri Andropov may be trying to return to the helm despite a debilitating illness, the Soviet arms control delegation in the Swiss capital ended yesterday's bargaining session without setting a date for a new round of talks.

The Soviets, responding to the deployment of U.S. Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe, have also walked out of the intermediate-range nuclear arms talks.

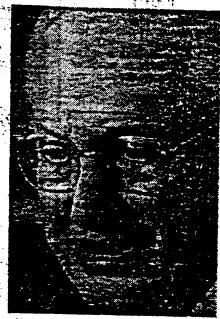
U.S. officials reacted angrily to the Soviet move - which appeared aimed at adding to Europe's unrest over deployment of the American missiles.

White House spokesman Speakes said the Soviets were "unjustified" in trying to link the deployment of ... YURI ANDROPOV: Comeback!

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great flexibility in the We believe it is in the stalks by modifying our

positions to take into account the concerns of the Bovieta," Speakes said.

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The Soviet walkout at the START talks came as U.S. intelligence agen-"We are prepared to talks continue and we cies received reports continue our discus- will do everything we that Andropov, who has sions," said Speakes, can to see that they do.

The property of the property that Andropov, who has not been seen in public for months, was trying to go back to work.

Intelligence told The Post however, that they believe Andropov remains in very bad shape. They said his predecessor, Brezhnev, also tried to make a show of power in the last days of his life

Meanwhile, the State the Pentagon and intelligence cies put the finishing touches on a politically explosive new report about repeated Soviet violations of the SALT accords.